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BON TEMPS ROULER!



The Krewe of Nereids officers throw beads during the krewe's 51st annual Mardi Gras parade in Bay St. Louis and Waveland. The Nereids enjoyed beautiful weather and a near-record crowd of spectators. More photos on page 1B of today's issue and at www.seacoastecho.com. Below: A scene from Saturday's Krewe of Kids parade in Bay St. Louis. See more on page 8B or on our website.

Krewe of Nereids celebrates 51st annual parade

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The carnival parades keep on rolling in Hancock County and Pass Christian as the clock

counts down toward Fat Tuesday.

The rain held off over the weekend, allowing the 39th annual Krewe of Kids parade and 51st annual Krewe of Nereids parade to roll without delay. Both parades saw near-record crowds, organizers said.

Other parades coming up in the Hancock County/West Harrison County area include:

Saturday, Feb. 10

- The Krewe of Diamondhead's 43rd annual Mardi Gras parade is scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at noon at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The parade travels south on Gex drive, turning left to the shopping center. At the fire station, the route turns right and proceeds to



the Diamondhead Country Club, where it disbands. There are ample places to park and stand along the way that is not private property. This is a family friendly, child-oriented parade. The Krewe of Diamondhead is the longest running Mardi Krewe in Diamondhead.

The grand marshal for this year's parade is Hancock High School

Head Football Coach Neil Lollar.

Sunday, Feb. 11

- The St. Paul Carnival Association parade begins at 11:30 a.m. in Pass Christian this Sunday, Feb. 11. This year's royals are King Christian LXXXVIII Dane Jenkins and Queen Christiana 2018 Regina

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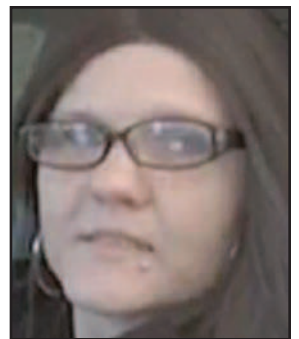
Sheriff seeks public's help to find check forgery suspect



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The Hancock County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's aid to identify a woman accused of forging checks all across South Mississippi.

The woman is known to be driving a light-colored Nissan Murano and a white Jeep, Sheriff Rick Adam said in the release, and has allegedly been



Photos courtesy of Hancock County Sheriff's Office

Above is the suspect's car. Authorities need the public's help to find the suspect.

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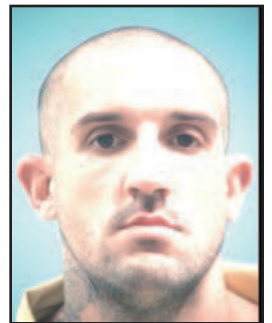
MDOC investigating death of Hancock County inmate

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

State authorities are investigating the death of a Hancock County inmate in the Mississippi Department of Corrections system.

The Wilkinson County Correctional Facility and Mississippi Department of Corrections said in a press release issued Tuesday that Brad Fitch died Sunday at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Fitch was injured in an



Brad Fitch

altercation at the prison on Jan. 31, according to the release, and apparently died from his injuries.

Fitch, 28, was convict-

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Board of Supervisors approves what could be the final supplemental payment to Hancock Medical

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday authorized what could be the last supplemental payment to Hancock Medical Center.

County Administrator

Eddie Favre asked the board to approve an additional \$250,000 to the hospital for the month of February.

However, Favre said, the projected numbers indicate that the county may not need to make another payment in March.

On April 1, Ochsner

will assume operations.

Board President Blaine LaFontaine said that the county will have paid — with Monday's supplemental payment — about \$1.7 million.

"On the first day of closing for the lease sale of the hospital, we're set to get the first installment for the first

year, a net of \$850,000," LaFontaine said.

LaFontaine said the county would incur a net loss of about \$200,000.

In other action:

- The board approved a motion authorizing county attorney Gary Yarborough to send a certified letter to the owner of a property on

Pine Tree Drive in reference to debris removal. It will also include a notice to remove the camper on the property.

- The board approved a motion to draw up a lease agreement with the Hancock County Food

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FREE ARBOR DAY TREE SEEDLING DISTRIBUTION

In observance of Arbor Day, the Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District will distribute a limited supply of free hardwood seedlings on Friday, Feb. 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at the local office at 18335 Hwy. 603, Kiln. A limited number of seedlings will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis in bundles of two seedlings per person. Call 228-395-1503.

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Hancock County wins state economic development award

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The Mississippi Economic Development Council (MEDC) announced this week that Hancock County is the recipient of the 2017 State Community Economic Development Award (CEDA) for its Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Program.

The program is a new, innovative partnership of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock Community Development Foundation. The program was launched in 2016 to demonstrate the importance of retaining and expanding existing prime and service industry businesses that represent 70-80% of new investment and job creation in a community.

A strong BRE program returns investment to the community, is less costly than recruitment programs,

promotes partnerships in economic growth with the decision makers of local businesses, and, supports business recruitment through peer-to-peer marketing.

To manage the program, the Hancock Chamber engaged the manpower of the two non-profit boards and the participants in the Chamber's Annual Leadership Class to conduct interview surveys. The Port and Harbor Staff conducted interviews with prime companies. During year one, combined, the companies surveyed employ over 3,500. Over the last three years, these companies have collectively added 220 jobs. More than half of the companies plan to invest \$247.6 million in expansions and are expected to create more than 2,300 new jobs. From these surveys, issues affecting business growth and retention were revealed.

From the surveys, the County scored extremely well and in many instances well above national averages. This was particularly true in the areas of emergency services, K-12 education and economic development agencies. Some areas of improvement included access to quality childcare, particularly for shift workers and labor availability for low to mid skill workers.

To address these issues, leadership in Hancock County formed a Workforce Development Committee, bringing area educators, workforce development professionals and industry human resource managers together to craft a solution. One of the goals of the committee is to be nationally recognized as an ACT certified Work Ready Community. To learn more and sign up to support the program, employers in Hancock County can go on line to www.workready-communities.org/MS/045 and www.workready-communities.org/business/form.



Photo submitted
During a meeting in Jackson, Glenn McCullough, Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority and Cary Karlson, President of MEDC presented the CEDA award to the Hancock County Team from the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock Community Development Foundation.

Local Attorney Brehm Bell opens 2018 scholarship application for promising future lawyer

SEA COAST ECHO
Bay St. Louis, MS – For the third year, attorney Brehm Bell will select a local senior from Hancock County, MS as his scholarship recipient. The Brehm Bell Future Lawyers Scholarship is a \$1000 one-time award to a high school senior who is planning on pursuing a law degree. Both public and private high school applicants are asked to submit applications no later than April 1, 2018.

A practicing attorney in downtown Bay St. Louis since 1995, Bell focuses his practice on personal injury

cases and helping people who are overwhelmed or frustrated with the legal process. "Our legal system and insurance processes are hard for people to navigate sometimes," said Bell. "We need bright, compassionate minds to enter the field of law to continue helping people have a voice."

Bell, who put himself through law school sans scholarship, worked as a deckhand on tugboats in order to pay for his education at University of Mississippi Law School. He graduated in 1989 and began work as an attorney in Meridian. After five years, he decided to move

his family back home to Hancock County and build his personal injury practice there.

"The practice of law is a noble profession that allows you make a living helping people in their search for justice," said Bell. "It is my hope that these funds will assist a young person in their dream to make this world a better place." To be considered, seniors should obtain an application from their school counselor – the form has been provided to Bay High, Hancock High, St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy for distribution. Or applicants may

pick up a form at Bell's office, located at 544 Main Street in Bay St. Louis. A minimum GPA of 3.0, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and a brief 200 word essay are required. Please submit application in full by the April 1, 2018 deadline by emailing: vicki@brehmbell.com or by mailing to:

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, only a record an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

Erik Benacourt-Olguin, 24, hold for other agency
Erick Contrás, 19, hold for other agency
Linda Ann Saucier, 56, compulsory school attendance
Kasha S. Nix, 25, hold for other agency
Irie Patrick Phillips, 48, false identifying information, contempt of court/failure to make restitution
Kerry Andrew Ladner, 33, DUI other substance; careless driving; improper equipment; driving with suspended or revoked license; felony possession of controlled substance
Alex Osha Robinson, 42, simple assault/domestic violence; parole violation

Walter Earl Gandy, 75, disorderly conduct/failure to comply with law enforcement; simple assault -- attempt by physical menace to create fear
George David Rogers, 69, sex offender registration failure
Michelle Lynn Ladner, 45, contempt of court x 3
Hunter Harrison Haas, 34, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Amanda Jean Kieff, 27, hold for other agency
Thomas Fred Kerner, 58, trespassing
Lynn Summers, 66, DUI first
Clayton Dean Edwards, 25, DUI second conviction; reckless driving; no license -- none or expired; speeding; tag -- no, expired or improperly mounted
Harriet Griffin Brooks, 68, simple assault on policeman, fireman or school official
Edward Joseph Breaux, Jr., 35, seat belt violation/motor vehicle
Jared Ray Favre, 24, to sell, barter transfer, manufacture or distribute controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; manufacture, sell or possession

of gun silencer or armor piercing ammunition
Billy Xavier Perniciaro, 43, back for court
Treston Tyrese Flood, 29, simple assault/domestic violence; contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2
Kennon Wise, 48, DUI first; disorderly conduct -- failure to comply with law enforcement; no license -- none or suspended; careless driving; retaliation against a public servant or witness
Niki Rene Roy, 34, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Nicholas Joseph Watzke, 35, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Tasha Nicole Bennett, 33, burglary -- inhabited dwelling, whether armed or not
Adam Lee Noble, 30, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Darlene Clarice Carvey, 44, trespassing
Gabriel Adam Maranell, 43, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2
Kayleen Gabrielle Harrel, 27, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Dameon Nicholas Cuevas, 34, back for court; burglary, commercial build-

ings, cars, etc. x 2; grand larceny, vehicle of another; possession of weapon by felon; possession of stolen firearm
Joshua Lewis Bell, 24, simple assault/domestic violence
Adrian DeAngeles Saucier, 53, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 3
William Cartis Jones, 36, disorderly conduct -- interference with business/customers / invitees; resisting/obstructing arrest
Dillon Clide Billings, 23, contempt of court -- failure to appear x 2
Zachary Tyler Kingston, 29, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Cori Michelle Sullivan, 26, contempt of court -- failure to appear
Billy Ray Raine Jr., 38, aggravated assault/domestic violence; possession of stolen firearm
Mary Elizabeth Fillingame, 32, trespass -- malicious or willful; contempt of court -- failure to appear
George Ryan Trotter, Jr., 26, simple assault/domestic violence; probation violation

Payment

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Pantry. Pantry treasurer John Wittliff said the pantry needs a formal lease agreement in order to apply to foundations for funding.
• Engineer Jason Chiniche gave a presentation about the pedestrian access plan project, which will stretch from Highway 90 to the Silver Slipper

Casino along Beach Boulevard. Along the route, Chiniche said, he has looked at intersections, ADA enhancements, infrastructure improvements, drainage issues, additional walkways to the shoreline, utilities, rights-of-way and durable decking.
Chiniche said he has also met with officials at Buccaneer Park to address public safety improvements. Chiniche said he has received some public comments and board comments about the project

that will be addressed before submitting his final report.
• The board approved a motion to appoint attorney Heather Smith as the E-911 attorney at the rate of \$150 per hour.
• The board approved a motion to temporarily increase the pay for Clarence Wyman to \$16.48 per hour, which was the budgeted pay rate for the former director, for acting as interim animal shelter director effective Jan. 16 until a new director is

found.
After an executive session, the board approved a motion to make an offer to Wyman for the permanent position of animal shelter director, with a pay rate not to exceed \$15 per hour.
• The board approved a motion for substantial completion of the Hancock County Sports Complex and also included a list of concerns, which include drainage, to be addressed.
• The next supervisors' meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 9 a.m.

Public Service Commission closes book on Kemper

SEA COAST ECHO
Jackson, - At its open meeting this Tuesday, the Public Service Commission unanimously voted to approve an agreement regarding Mississippi Power Company's Kemper County Power Plant bringing the lengthy contested proceeding to a close.
The settlement comes as a result of a Commission Order in June 2017, in which the Commission encouraged parties to reach a final solution to the case.
Commissioners stated that any proposal brought before them should result in no rate increase and preferably a rate decrease for residential customers. Additionally, Commissioners insisted that all risk be removed from ratepayers for the lignite coal related assets located at the facility. The

agreement approved by the Commission meets both of these requirements, with a forthcoming compliance filing expected to decrease an average residential customer's bill by 2.4 percent or over \$3.00 per month.
To date, Mississippi Power has written off over \$6.4 billion on the project. As part of the agreement, the company will not ask to recover any of these losses from ratepayers now, or in the future. The Kemper County Power Plant will continue to produce electricity operating as a natural gas plant, as it has since 2014.
"Since being elected in 2015, it has been a top priority of mine to resolve Kemper and to ensure Mississippi Power customers are protected with the resolution of this case," Southern District Commissioner Sam Britton

said. "I'm proud of the work that was done to close the Kemper Case with this rate reduction for Mississippi Power customers. The people in South Mississippi have waited long enough."
"Through strong Commission leadership we have protected the customers of Mississippi Power, lowered their rates and closed the book on this case. Since 2008, I have made it my mission to ensure that the public interest was fully protected in

this case. I can now say that has been accomplished," said Chairman Brandon Presley.
"We are pleased that this settlement agreement will result in a rate reduction for Mississippi Power customers," said Central District Commissioner Cecil Brown. "We are also pleased that Mississippi Power Company customers have never paid, and pursuant to this agreement, will never pay for any of the costs of the failed gasifier."

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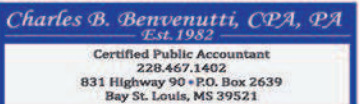
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Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre, PLLC is the largest local accounting, and business consulting firm based in South Mississippi, and also provides wealthcare management. The firm offers the highest quality services in all aspects of accounting for businesses and individuals. They currently staff over 50 employees in 3 offices located in Bay St. Louis, Gulfport and Wiggins.

Jerry Favre, CPA, a firm partner at AVL will also have an office at the Benvenuti location in Bay St. Louis.

Together, these two firms will provide the leading expertise to South Mississippi families, businesses and surrounding areas.

Jimmie Ladner, Jr.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector

Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from January 2, 2018 through March 30, 2018, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2018** to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

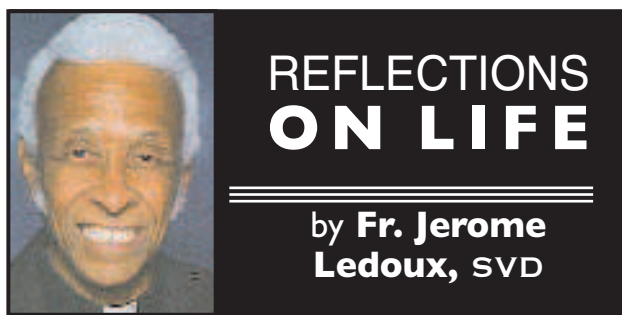
- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County.
(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required.
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

- A) You became 65 on or before January 1, 2018
- B) You became 100% disabled service connected veteran on or before January 1, 2018
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead.
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

If you have any questions please call **228-467-5727**

Jimmie Ladner, Jr.
Tax Assessor / Collector Hancock County



REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

by **Fr. Jerome
Ledoux, SVD**

We are plagued by medical caveats

Many TV commercials tout various drugs, yet warn us about dangerous or lethal side effects. This can make us careful or paranoid about many medications.

Xarelto, for instance, was prescribed for me recently to help stabilize my heart that was beating too fast after a bad fall. Xarelto was its own worst enemy with regard to its effects on me. As a blood thinner, it overdid whatever it was doing, causing thumbnail-sized sacs of blood to form on the inside wall of my cheeks, especially the left side. Further, it was causing my nose to bleed, even more when I blew it. I immediately slowed the one-a-day dosage and eventually cut it completely when the bloody side effects did not let up.

Going online, I read that Xarelto (Rovaroxaban) sometimes does have the negative side effect of excessive bleeding. One legal commercial makes the pitch:

Mark & Associates Attorneys At Law invite Xarelto side effect victims to complete a brief survey today to have their case evaluated in view of filing a suit.

Lauren Weiler wrote about drugs with the most dangerous side effects.

“Today a whopping 60% of Americans pop pills for various ailments, according to The Washington Post. Here are 20 prescription medications... with side effects.”

Chantix, aka Varenicline, can cause psychiatric disturbances, suicidal thoughts, vivid nightmares and intense withdrawals. Consult your doctor.

Nexium, aka Esomeprazole, treats conditions like gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and erosive esophagitis. Look out for side effects like severe diarrhea, inflammation of your kidneys, and vitamin deficiencies.

Vasotec relaxes your arteries, preventing them from narrowing too much and raising your blood pressure. It can save the life of heart failure victims, but they may suffer low blood pressure, liver dysfunction and swelling of lips, face, or tongue. Your tongue could swell up and fill your mouth.

“Xanax, also called Alprazolam, helps treat those suffering from anxiety and panic disorders, giving them much-needed relief. At its best, this well-known drug affects the chemicals in your brain to help balance your anxiety. At its worst, Xanax can be habit-forming, resulting in addiction, overdose, or death.”

Plavix prevents the platelets in our blood from coagulating, thus precluding clots in our blood. But it can cause users to cough up blood or discover blood in their urine. Some experience chest pain that spreads through their arms and shoulders.

Lipitor lowers bad cholesterol (LDL) and elevates good cholesterol (HDL) that is good for the heart. Unfortunately, this common drug has often made bad news by causing memory loss and long-lasting muscle

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Publishing legal notices is crucial to newspapers

There’s an old expression that goes something like, “Nobody’s safe when the Mississippi Legislature is in session.”

I get a stark reminder of that each time bills are introduced to allow state agencies, cities and counties to stop publishing legal notices in newspapers. This year’s version is HB 1131.

The rationale for this is to save money, but the money saved would be peanuts compared to the corruption that will follow from the secrecy.

Legal notices cost the state maybe two million dollars a year statewide. That’s a small price to keep the public informed on \$30 billion a year in overall state-controlled and local spending. That’s one-tenth of one-tenth of one-tenth of one-tenth of six-tenths of government spending devoted to public disclosure.

Bear in mind, the statutory-mandated reimbursement rate for newspaper legals has not been increased in 20 years. Reminds me of the gas tax. Like our crumbling roads,



GUEST OPINION

by **Wyatt Emmerich**
Publisher/Northside Sun

Mississippi newspapers are suffering. Legal notices now cost about a tenth of our normal rate.

Mississippi’s statutorily-dictated public notice rate is a fraction of what newspapers in our neighboring states receive.

Advocates of online public notices say this needs to be on the web. But that is nonsense. It is already on the web and has been for years. The Mississippi Press Association (MPA) has a statewide compilation of legal notices published in Mississippi newspapers at <http://www.publicnoticeads.com/ms/>. This database has full text keyword search capability.

If you are not aware of the MPA public notices website, imagine the secrecy when governments can post public notices anywhere they want.

There are hundreds of millions of websites. Finding public notices buried on some obscure government website will be like finding a needle in a haystack. That’s why this is a terrible idea, unless you want even more government corruption than we have already.

Forty percent of our rural communities still lack high speed online access. These people especially rely on their local newspapers for information and public notices.

My company, Emmerich Newspapers, publishes quite a few small weekly newspapers around this state. Business is rough. Even at the absurdly low rate newspapers are currently paid to publish notices, legal notice revenue is still crucial to the smallest of weekly publications.

If the state legislature wants to deliver a death blow to what remains the only local news in most Mississippi rural counties, killing legal notices would be a good way to do it.

For many years, the newspaper business was a good business with healthy profit margins. But the world has changed.

Classified revenue was lost to Craig’s List and a thousand other free online services. Inserts have gone down dramatically as retailers have begun to use apps. Google sucks billions from our local retailers paying for search results. And now Facebook has struck at the heart of social and community news.

None of these massive online giants spends one iota on local news content in the communities from which they are reaping huge profits.

Instead, Facebook and Google glean content created by newspapers and then promote it on their websites. They steal our content.

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National Bird Feeding Month

Established in 1994, National Bird Feeding Month brings attention to the plight of our wild birds. Since February is typically one of the harshest months of the year, there couldn’t be a better time to help birds survive the elements.

It is estimated that one in three American households feeds wild birds. These birds may be the only wildlife that many people see any more. This is a great way to maintain a connection with nature and reap the benefits of stress-relief and enjoyment from something as simple as putting out food for birds.

Feeding wild birds is easy. Birds aren’t picky about what holds their favorite food, especially during the winter months. It can be as simple as scattering stale bread in the yard or placing birdseed on a tray or plastic plate. Of course, you could also place some type of feeder



Conservation CORNER

by **James L. Cummins**,
Wildlife Mississippi

in your yard or trees. If you place a feeder in your yard, keep it full so the birds will have a dependable supply of food during the cold weather. Also remember to keep it clean.

Don’t be discouraged if you put up a new feeder and the birds don’t flock to it immediately.

It can sometimes take a while to locate a fresh source since they find food by sight.

Tree feeders can also be very helpful. A very simple feeder can be made by tying a string on a pine

cone, spreading the cone with peanut butter, then rolling it in birdseed and hanging it on a tree branch. Bird feeders do not have to be expensive, complicated or even purchased at a store.

You need to be sure to avoid placing your feeder in or too close to areas where dogs, cats and squirrels frequent.

They can possibly harm or chase away the object of your new hobby.

Bird feeding can be an inexpensive, educational and entertaining pastime that can be enjoyed by

children and adults. Bringing birds into the yard adds a welcome splash of color, movement and sound.

The weekend of February 16 - 19, 2018 will be the 21st annual Great Backyard Bird Count. You can join tens of thousands of people who will be counting birds in their backyards, local parks and wildlife refuges.

People of all ages and all levels of bird-watching experience are invited to take part. It is a great way to learn more about the birds in your backyard and neighborhood.

Visit www.birdcount.org for easy-to-follow instructions on reporting your count and tips for identifying bird species. You can even download a checklist for your area. Get out and enjoy your environment and share the experience with someone else.

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Pass woman pleads guilty to selling methadone

SEA COAST ECHO
Sheila Bosarge Mendez, 51, of Pass Christian, pled guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr. to possession with intent to distribute methadone, announced U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst and Thomas M. Anello, Acting Special Agent of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations in New Orleans.

Mendez sold methadone to a confidential informant at her residence on two occasions – January 4, 2017, and January 11,

2017.

Agents with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics obtained a search warrant for Mendez's residence and executed it on January 24, 2017.

During the search of the residence, agents found a mail package containing 390 dosage units of methadone from Mexico and an



Sheila Mendez

envelope with approximately \$3,827 and 10 dosage units of methadone. Agents also discovered 11 prescriptions written to Mendez for 100 dosage units each.

Mendez will be sentenced on May 8, 2018 at 10 a.m. by Judge Guirola, and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations, with assistance from the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Shundral H. Cole.

Forgery

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forging checks that were stolen from "numerous vehicles" across the Coast.

The actual amount and number of the forged checks has not yet been released. Anyone who

can help identify the woman is asked to call central dispatch at 228-255-9191; Mississippi Crime Stoppers at 1-877-787-5898; or the Hancock County Sheriff's Office at 228-466-6900.

You can also submit information at mscoastcrimestoppers.com or download the free app, P3 Tips.

Acts of Random Kindness

SEA COAST ECHO

Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis is joining millions around the world to observe February as Random Acts of Kindness Month.

Church members are trying to perform at least one act of kindness each day, some for family and friends and co-workers and some for perfect strangers.

The church family invites the community to join in the activity, and will have a table in front of the church on Main Street for Second Saturday on Feb. 10. please come by to receive a small gift. Church volunteers will also have information about possible acts of kindness you might work on. You can also go to www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas.

Notices

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In France, Google has to make direct payments to newspapers to compensate them for this stolen content. No such luck for the American news industry.

It is impossible to protect our content. All someone has to do is take a photo of a newspaper article with their smartphone and post it on Facebook. Thousands of readers do this on a daily basis and think nothing of it.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1787, "The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter, but I should mean that every man should receive those papers & be capable of reading them."

Our state legislature needs to think long and

hard about whether we want to rely on bloggers and Facebook posts as the mainstay of our community news. Rather than cut legal notices, the state legislature should adjust our legal rate for 20 years of inflation and help community newspapers survive.

It takes money to hire reporters to go to the local city councils and board of supervisors meetings. That's how citizens find out about tax increases and self-dealt pay raises. It takes money to go to the police station and get the police reports so citizens can be informed of burglaries, auto thefts and violence in their neighborhoods. It takes time, effort and money to expose complex issues like the Kemper power plant. Newspaper reporting on the Kemper issue kept Mississippi ratepayers from paying an extra \$7 billion dollars. That would pay for all the subscriptions to every newspaper in Mississippi for the next 125 years. That's not hyperbole. I did the math.

It's not just the state legislature that has an obligation to support the newspa-

per industry. Each one of you as a citizen needs to subscribe to your local newspaper. It is in your financial interest to live in a society where transparency battles government corruption and secrecy. Advertisers need to support their local newspapers and quit subsidizing Facebook and Google's hundreds of billion in profits. Facebook just announced they were raising ad prices by 43 percent. The audacity!

Meanwhile, a new report from the World Federation of Advertisers estimates that within the next decade fake Internet traffic schemes will become the second-largest market for criminal organizations behind cocaine and opiate trafficking.

In 1990, there were 56,900 American journalists. Today there are 32,900. This is a terrible development for our country and is causing a level of corruption that I have never witnessed before.

Just this month, my company had to cease publishing the Monday editions at our three daily newspapers. The only alternative was to cut our bare

bones newsrooms. If the online giants continue sucking billions from our small towns and cities, further reductions will be required. So sad.

I may just be wailing in the wind, but the decline of professional journalism in the United States is a threat to our democracy. Just ask Thomas Jefferson.

Reflections

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and nerve problems.

Brilinta can cause dizziness, nausea and severe bleeding. Regardless, the drug is used by many to prevent heart attacks and strokes in people with heart disease. Doctors may recommend using Brilinta along with low-dose aspirin, and they'll stress not to take it too often because those side effects may increase.

Miramax, also known as Pramipexole, can help a Parkinson's disease victim move better, shake less and have decreasing stiffness and unsteadiness. Alas, it can also cause hallucination, low blood pressure and sudden sleepiness.

Ambien fights insomnia, but can impair thinking and memory.

Risperdal, an antipsychotic, can prevent the hallucinations, delusions and disorganized thinking associated with schizophrenia. The drug actually rebalances the brain's serotonin and dopamine levels, helping the user lead a happier life. But it can also cause undesirable side effects like low blood pressure, sexual dysfunction, muscle tremors and uncontrolled movements.

Klonopin, aka Clonazepam, intensifies a neurotransmitter that moderates the brain's nerve signals. This can be invaluable to those suffering from panic attacks or

seizures. Sadly, the drug can be abused by users, who can overdose with grave side effects, including suicidal thoughts and chest pain.

Actos or Avandia is used by diabetics to lower the sugar in their blood. How? It makes your tissues "more sensitive to insulin, the hormone that regulates the absorption of sugar into your cells," says the Mayo Clinic. But Actos or Avandia users may be at an increased risk of heart failure, heart attack and bladder cancer.

Propecia can give men a better head of hair and a lot more confidence, but it may completely kill one's sex drive and libido for months, even years.

Cardura, or Doxazosin, by blocking specific chemicals, relaxes the prostate muscles and bladder. It also widens blood vessels, thus helping with hypertension. Some users experience breathing problems, painful erection or irregular heartbeat.

Viekira Pak can help those suffering from hepatitis C. However, it has terrible side effects for those with underlying advanced liver disease. Taking Viekira Pak can lead to liver injury and failure that can result in death.

Lamictal can be used by both adults and children to manage epilepsy, involving sudden convulsions and loss of consciousness. But this drug can cause serious rashes requiring hospitalization. Suicidal thoughts are also a side effect.

Levaquin or Cipro can

kill serious bacterial infections like urinary tract infections, chronic bronchitis, and anthrax. However, the antibiotics can also disable tendons, muscles, and joints, and they have caused irreversible nerve damage in some users, according to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

Accutane can provide relief to frustrated teens and adults by treating severe cystic acne that hasn't responded to other treatments. But female users must not get pregnant, for Accutane is linked to serious birth defects. Other side effects include liver damage, depression, and bowel diseases like Crohn's disease.

"Yaz is a rather dynamic drug recommended for women 14 and older. It can treat PMDD, a severe form of PMS, and clear up moderate acne. Although women rely on it for these reasons — and to prevent pregnancy — they may be at an increased risk of blood clots, which could travel to the brain, heart or lungs. Studies also link Yaz to high cholesterol, high potassium levels and gallbladder disease."

Methadone is known as an opiate analgesic. The drug alters the way the nervous system and brain respond to pain. Although this drug can aid addicts with their recovery, it can also cause life-threatening breathing problems, hallucinations, nausea, agitation, fever, intense muscle stiffness and more.

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Obituaries

CLIFFORD THOMAS EMERICK MACK CHARLES HARRIS SR. BETTY JEAN LUXICH CARMEN MONTELEONE PIAZZA

CLIFFORD THOMAS EMERICK

Clifford Thomas Emerick, 52, a parishioner at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Arlington, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior on January 31, 2018.

Clifford was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 22, 1965. He attended St. Louise De Marillac Catholic Elementary School and graduated from Chalmette High School in 1983. He continued on to receive his Associate's Degree from Delfort Aircraft Tech.

He was dedicated to his work at Ingersoll Rand's Unit Club Car for 25 years. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7641 and LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation. He enjoyed travel, boiling crawfish and cookoff competitions, LSU Football, Nascar, photography, and airshows. He also had an immense love for history.

He is preceded in death by his father, George A Emerick, Sr. and brother, David A. Emerick. He is survived by his mother Beverly

Chase Emerick, and siblings Ava Emerick Hirstius (Bryant), Pamela Emerick Buehler (Andy), George Emerick, Jr. (Debra Maldo), Mark Emerick (Monica Owens), Brian Emerick (Jane Murla), Candace Emerick Duvieilh (Terry), and sister-in-law Lisa Johnson Emerick. He was a proud and devoted Godfather to nieces Amber Thibodeaux Lewis (Matt) and Krista Grace Emerick as well as a mentor and loving uncle to Rachel Emerick, Michael Emerick (Jessica Lockrem), David Emerick (Kara Hemphill), Rochelle Thibodeaux, Joshua Richards, Robyn Buehler Saucier (Anthony), Warren Buehler, Shannon Buehler, Desha' Emerick Martin (Walt), Devon Emerick, Melissa Emerick



Weems (Todd), Mark Emerick, Melinda Emerick, Chase Emerick, Thomas Duvieilh, Nicholas Duvieilh and a host of great nieces and nephews.

He is and always will be affectionately known as "Uncle Buck."

He is also survived by his special Texas family of friends who lovingly supported him in his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the American Warrior Initiative at www.american-warriorinitiative.com.

The family of Clifford Emerick wishes to thank Arlington Memorial and Presbyterian Dallas for their loving care and kindness.

A visitation for Clifford will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018 at ST. BERNARD MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 701 W. VIRTUE STREET in Chalmette, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, with a Mass in his honor at 1:00 PM. He will be laid to rest in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens. To sign and view the family guestbook, please visit www.stbernardmemorial.com.

MACK CHARLES HARRIS SR.

Mack Charles Harris Sr. was born on July 10, 1928 in Wiggins, Mississippi to Mr. Joel Harris and Gena Mae Brown. Mack departed this life on January 23, 2018 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Mack served in the US Army during World War II with duties in the Philippines. After returning from duties overseas he studied culinary arts in New Orleans, LA where he then became a pastry chef. He returned to South Mississippi where he was a

loving husband to his wife Margaret for 39 years. Upon retirement from over 40 years in the pulpwood business, he enjoyed full time his true passion, fishing and even more so, the joy he received from giving fish to all who wished to have them.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his son; Ivy (Amanda) Harris Sr.; seven grandchildren, Stacey Hawkins (CA), Keisha Stewart (CA), Lanitra Harris (CA), Indigo Harris (GA), Ivy Harris Jr (FL), Isaiah Harris (FL), Ileana Harris (FL); five great



grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

Services will be held February 10th, 2018 at Mount Chapel Baptist

Church at 10AM, Repass to follow at 12PM at the Retreat Center at Saint Augustine's Seminary in Bay St. Louis.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Mack to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at your local chapter or via www.heroes.vfw.org.

The Harris family express humble gratitude to the Lockett-Williams Mortuary who offered them dignity and respect during this difficult time. Online Registry WWW.LOCKETT-TWILLIAMS.COM.

BETTY JEAN LUXICH

Betty Jean Luxich, 78, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Thursday, February 1, 2018 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was a member of Delisle Baptist Church in Delisle, MS.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Ernest Patrick Williams and Kenneth Michael Williams; parents, Curtis Sloeum and Era Stockstill Smith and three sisters, Mary Elaine Coffman, Era Jane Bosarge and Sammie Lynn Stockstill.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin Luxich, Sr. of Bay St. Louis, MS; daughter, Denise



Livingston and her husband Robert of Pearl River, LA; brother, James

Robert Smith of TX; five grandchildren, Roy, Denay, Mandy, Patrick and Michael Wayne; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 9, 2018 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Entombment to follow at Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

CARMEN MONTELEONE PIAZZA

Carmen Monteleone Piazza, 90, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Monday, February 5, 2018 in Gulfport, MS.

Mrs. Piazza was a lifetime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend who will be



sadly missed.

Mrs. Piazza was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton H. Piazza; son, Clifton E. Piazza; father,

Peter J. Monteleone; mother, Ruth Deschamps Frierson; and grandson, Nicholas Kleinpeter.

Survived by her daughter, Sharon Kleinpeter (Albert) of Kiln, MS; two brothers, Alex Dirk Brensike of Ft. Worth, TX; Aaron Brensike (Sandra) of Kiln, MS; two sisters, Ruth Ellen Moran of Gulfport, MS; Francis Brensike of Ft. Worth, TX; grandson, Jonathan Kleinpeter of Boca Raton, FL; great-grandson,

Nathan Wolfe; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS from 2:30 pm until 3:00 pm with a Prayer Service at 3:00 pm. Entombment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of arrangements.

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ed of two counts of aggravated assault in Hancock County. He was sentenced on Aug. 1, 2016, to serve 10 years.

The cause and manner of death

are pending an autopsy and full investigation, prison officials said.

Parade

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Fayard Warren. The carnival association and the city of Pass Christian have issued the following advisory:

* Streets in the Float Staging Area will be closed at 9 a.m. All floats must be in place by 10 a.m.

* Streets on the parade route will be closed to traffic promptly at 10 a.m.

* There will be no street parking on Highway 90.

* There will be no street parking anywhere on the parade route. This includes West Second Street from Church Street to Davis Avenue, where in the past parking was allowed on one side of the street. This year, vehicles and trailers will be towed if parked in the street in that area.

* No firearms, animals or glass bottles should be on the parade route.

* Low-speed vehicles (including golf carts, ATVs, etc.) without proper tags and insurance are not allowed on city streets in downtown Pass Christian - even on parade day.

Monday, Feb. 12

• The Mystic Krewe of Seahorse parade is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in downtown Bay St. Louis. The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse gets its name from the Navy schooner, the USS Seahorse, led by Captain Johnson and 13 courageous seamen who fought the British Navy on December 13, 1814, in The Battle of the Bay during the War of 1812.

The parade begins on Blaize & Bookter St., right on Necaise Ave, right on Main St, left on 2nd St, right on deMontluzin Ave, right on Beach Blvd, and right on Main St.

Fat Tuesday, Feb. 13

• The first annual Krewe of Real People The Next

Generation Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled to begin rolling at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Bay St. Louis.

"Last year the parade was great and this upcoming Mardi Gras season, we anticipate the events to be even better," krewe public relations specialist Deven Daniels said.

Your group or organization is invited to participate in the parade. It will begin at 1 p.m. on Bookter Street and end on Necaise Street. Lineup will begin at 11 a.m. to begin the registration process. There will be a \$25 registration fee for all participants.

"We welcome all floats, cars, trucks, dance teams, walking groups, bike clubs, ATVs, and bands," Daniels said. If you have any questions regarding the parade, please contact Lonnie Bradley, president, at 228-671-1039; Leo Hawkins, Jr., vice-president, at 228-261-8483; or Deven Daniels, public relations, at

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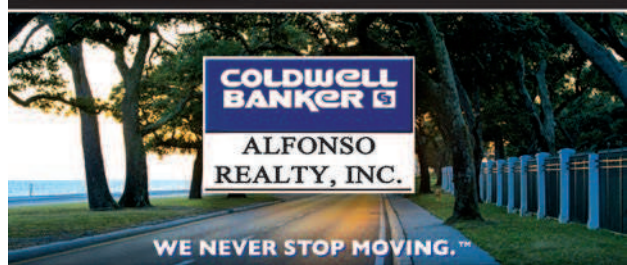
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ROCKS GET TWO DIVISION WINS TO CLOSE OUT DIVISION SCHEDULE

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The high school basketball regular season comes to a close this weekend and the respective division tournaments will begin next week.

While the Bay High Tigers have wrapped up the #1-seed in Division 8-4A, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws picked up two division wins this past weekend that should aid them in moving up in the seedings for the tournament.

On Friday, the Rocks (12-15, 5-5) hosted the Pass Christian Pirates (7-14, 6-4).

The Rocks avenged a loss earlier in the season with a 48-37 victory over the Pirates.

Jeremiah Reynoso led SSC with 17 points followed by Dallas Payne with eight and Alexander Fuller with seven points.

Tionne Frost paced Pass Christian with 10 points.

On Saturday, the Rocks hosted Vancleave in a makeup game from the inclement weather a couple weeks ago. SSC topped the Bulldogs 34-23. Brandon Bordelon led SSC with eight points followed by Reynoso and Luke Ladner with

seven points each. Xavier Bass led Vancleave with eight points.

The Bay High Tigers split a pair of games with St. Patrick on Friday evening. The Lady Tigers (3-17, 1-6) fell 26-17 while the Tigers (15-10, 9-0) defeated the Irish 62-54.

The Hancock Hawks split a pair of games with the visiting Admirals of Gulfport on Friday.

The Lady Hawks (20-5, 3-3) defeated Gulfport 38-30 to get their 20th win of the season. The Admirals defeated Hancock (4-19, 0-7) 67-39 in boys action.

The OLA Crescents fell to Collins 60-14 on Friday.

In upcoming action, the Division tournaments will begin on Monday, February 12th. Teams will play according to their seeds which was determined based on performance during the regular season.

The OLA Crescents will play their tournament at Perry Central. The Division 8-4A tournament is being played at Pass Christian and will include Bay High, Pass Christian and St. Stanislaus. The Division 8-6A tournament will be played at Harrison Central. See you at the games!

LADY TIGERS, LADY PIRATES AND CRESCENTS ALL WIN FIRST ROUND MATCHUP AS SOCCER ENTERS PLAYOFFS

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The high school soccer state playoffs official began on Monday, February 5th after a week postponement due to the inclement wintry weather affecting the entire state.

The girls opened the playoffs on Monday and the boys followed suit on Tuesday evening.

On Monday, all three area girls teams advanced with a first round win.

The Bay High Lady Tigers (11-7-3) went on the road and defeated Sumrall 4-1. Bay High owned a 2-1 advantage at intermission. Game details were not available.

The Pass Christian Lady Pirates (15-5) hosted Purvis on Monday. The

Lady Pirates blanked the Lady Tornadoes 4-0. Kamdyn Skinner scored two goals and an assist while Madison LaFontaine and Cassidy Couch each added a goal. Couch also tallied an assist.

The OLA Crescents (8-6-4) defeated Clarkdale 1-0 on Monday on a goal scored by Olivia Gelpi. Paige Palazzo preserved the shutout in goal.

On Tuesday evening, St. Stanislaus hosted Lawrence County while Pass Christian traveled to Sunrall in first round action. Game details will be provided in Saturday's edition.

In upcoming action, the Lady Tigers will play Vancleave on the road on Saturday, February 10th. Vancleave defeated Richland 7-4. Pass

Christian travels to Florence on Saturday. Florence defeated East Central 3-0. OLA hosts Franklin County on Saturday which beat Magee 2-0. If Pass Christian and Bay High both win, they will meet for the Class 4A South State title on February 13th at Pass Christian. If OLA wins on Saturday, they will meet the winner of Sacred Heart and North Forrest for the Class 1A-2A-3A South State title.

If SSC wins their first round matchup, the Rocks will travel to the winner of the Richland/Vancleave game. If Pass Christian wins their first round game, they will host the winner of the Greene County/Florence matchup. See you at the games!

WILDCAT BASEBALL LOOKS TO BUILD ON SUCCESS FROM 2017

BY STAN CALDWELL
PRCC SPORTS
INFORMATION

OPLARVILLE — There is good news and bad news where Pearl River Community College baseball is concerned.

The good news? PRCC returns a strong nucleus of sophomores from the 2017 team that was 29-20 overall, finished sixth in the 15-team MACJC and advanced to the semifinal round of the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

The bad news? The Wildcats won't sneak up on anybody the way they did last season. However, second-year head coach Michael Avalon likes it that way.

"I think that's what you want, where there is a respect for your players and your program," said Avalon. "You want people to come in and say, 'hey, we're playing Pearl River today, we'd better be ready.'"

Pearl River overcame some major hurdles last season.

The Wildcats had a new head coach and mostly-new staff, they started the season 0-4, they suffered a slump in late April during which time many players and coaches suffered the mumps and then had to go on the road to Itawamba for the first-round of the MACJC playoffs.

"We overcame some major adversity last season," Avalon said. "I mean, the state was talking shutting us down when we had the mumps epidemic.

"So it was humbling to see the guys buy in to what we were teaching. I'm thankful that they sped up the process and set the standard. If we can get to the point every season where we're 18 innings away from the World Series, then that's where we want to be."

The Wildcats will build



Photos by PRCC Sports Information
Pearl River sophomore first baseman Simon Landry stands in the batter's box during action last season. Landry led the Wildcats with 16 home runs in 2017.

around what is expected to be a deep and talented pitching staff led by sophomore right-handers Colby White (Foxworth) and Drake Nightengale (Sumrall).

White, who has signed with Mississippi State, emerged as the ace of the staff last season, finishing with a 6-3 record, with five saves, an earned-run average of 2.43 and 62 strikeouts in 55 2/3 innings.

Nightengale, who signed with Delta State in November, 2016, was off to a sensational season, with 56 strikeouts in 31 2/3 innings before he suffered a season-ending arm injury. He was granted a medical redshirt and opted to return to PRCC for a third season.

"It's nice to have two starters of their caliber at the top of our pitching staff," said Avalon. "But one of the things I'm really excited about is that we have so much more pitching depth than we did a year ago."

Indeed, Avalon said he expects freshman right-handers Miles Smith (Laurel) and Shemar Page (Raleigh) to start the sea-

son in the pitching rotation, and he has a veteran, sophomore lefty Luke Bradley (Bay St. Louis), anchoring the bullpen.

Bradley, who prepped at St. Stanislaus, was 4-0 with three saves and a 2.45 ERA last season.

Offensively and in the field, the Wildcats will build around sophomore first baseman Simon Landry (Ponchatoula, La.), who signed with the University of Houston. Landry smacked 16 home runs and drove in 46 runs last season while batting .301.

The Wildcats will also have experience in the middle of the infield with sophomore transfers Scooter Ginn (Columbia), who played for Southwest Mississippi last season, and Derek Eberly (Blountstown, Fla.), who played for NJCAA Division 1 national champion Chipola (Fla.) last year.

Freshman Wiley Cleland (Columbia) appears set at third base, although his versatility makes him especially valuable.

"Derek is a headsy, knowledgeable player, and

Ginn is a kid who's been in this league and is just a good baseball player," said Avalon. "Wiley Cleland is somebody in the middle of our order who's a real good athlete who can do a lot of things.

"The biggest thing offensively is we'll be strong and athletic. We won't be real speedy, but we'll be able to move around the bases and in the field."

Two of the outfield spots should be taken by redshirt sophomore Bryson Medious (Columbia) and freshman Noah Baron (Hoover, Ala.). Medious came on in the second half of last season to earn a starting spot, batting .266 with a pair of homers and 27 RBIs.

PRCC will also have experience behind the plate in sophomore Logan Walters (Moss Point).

"The catching position is one of the toughest to play defensively, and that's where his experience is going to show up," said Avalon.

"Overall, I really like the makeup of this team. There's a lot of camaraderie and they like playing together."



Photos by PRCC Sports Information
Pearl River sophomore pitcher Colby White fires to the plate during action last season at Wildcat Stadium. White is expected to anchor the PRCC pitching staff this season.

Pearl River opens the season at home on Feb. 16 with two games, at 1 p.m. against Southeastern

(Iowa) and at 7 p.m. against Elaine Nunez (La.).

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PRCC softball looks to get back into playoff contention

BY STAN CALDWELL
PRCC SPORTS
INFORMATION

POPLARVILLE – The Pearl River Community College softball charted unfamiliar waters in 2017, missing out on the MACJC playoffs after eight consecutive years in the postseason.

Getting back in the playoffs will depend on how a talented, but untested, group of freshmen meld with a solid corps of sophomores.

PRCC returns 13 players from last season’s team that finished 19-23 overall, 11-17 in the MACJC.

“I think we’re going to be OK,” said Leigh White, who enters her 16th season as coach of the Wildcats.

“We have a good core of players coming back, and we’re looking for a lot of leadership from them to help our freshmen get to where we want to be.”

Chief among these are infielder Ilyssa Easton (Hurley), who earned first team All-MACJC honors after leading Pearl River in hitting (.377), home runs (12), RBIs (30) and steals (14).

Easton started every game for PRCC at second base, as did returning sophomore shortstop Sarah Depperschmidt (Hurley).

Depperschmidt, who signed with Belhaven after batting .258 last season, will be out for at least the first couple of games recovering from an off-season injury.

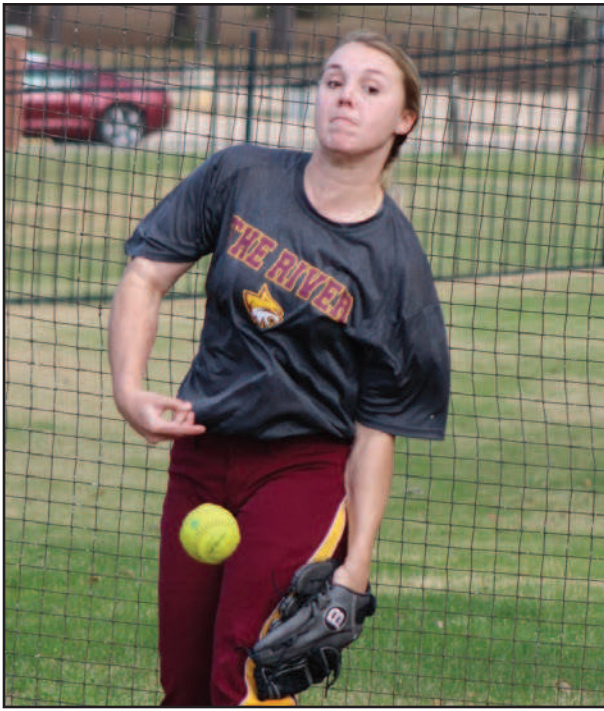
The Wildcats also have Destiny Wesley (LaPlace, La.) returning at third base after suffering a season-ending injury just four games into the season.

PRCC also picked up a transfer from Southern Miss, sophomore Halle Melone (Oklahoma City, Okla.), who is expected to find a spot in the lineup.

“We’re real excited about our infield,” said White. “We’ve got some depth, especially at first base. (Sophomore) Rylee Dawsey is in the mix there. Her bat is really coming around lately.”

In the outfield, Pearl River return second-team All-State centerfielder Anna Grace Cooley (Lucedale), who batted .375 out of the leadoff spot in the batting order in 2017. However, White said she is looking at several options for Cooley on offense.

“She can do a lot of things,” White said. “She may slap for us, and she’s got some speed. We’re looking at her in a leadoff role, but we have some other options with her as well.”



Photos by PRCC Sports Information

Pearl River sophomore pitcher Olivia Holley warms during a practice session. Holley is expected to anchor a young Wildcat pitching staff this season.



Photos by PRCC Sports Information

Pearl River shortstop Sarah Depperschmidt (left) throws across the diamond during action last season, as second baseman Ilyssa Easton backs up the play. The two will be back in the middle of the infield for the Wildcats in 2018.

In softball, pitching is paramount, and there the Wildcats have questions.

“Our pitching staff is going to be young, but I think they’re going to produce,” said White. “We’ve got four kids that we’re going to use in our rotation and three of them are freshmen.”

The Wildcats return two pitchers from last season in sophomore Olivia Holley (Biloxi), who was 6-11 last season, despite a 3.49

earned-run average, and Krista Robles (Destrehan, La.), who was 4-2 with a 4.98 ERA. Robles also played first base and batted .351 with 21 RBIs.

However, Robles will probably concentrate on offense this season. That leaves Holley to mesh with freshmen Rylee Swilley (Kiln), Dallas Blaker (Bay St. Louis) and Elizabeth Taggart (Saucier).

“Rylee Swilley has come a long way since the

fall,” said White. “Once she gets some experience, she’s going to be really good.

“It looks like Elizabeth Taggart’s role is going to be coming and relieving, maybe as the closer. But we’re going to use all four of our pitchers this year.”

Pearl River opens its 2018 season Saturday at the Pensacola State (Fla.) Invitational. The Wildcats will play Florence-Darlington Tech (S.C.) at

11 a.m. and Roane State (Tenn.) at 1 p.m.

The Wildcats make their home debut next Thursday with two games against Coastal Alabama-North at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the opening games of the Wildcat Invitational.

PRCC will not play on Friday in the tournament, but will have two games on Saturday, at 11 a.m. against Calhoun (Ala.) and 3 p.m. against Marion Military (Ala.)

Mississippi voters weigh in on the use of dogs to hunt deer on the National Forests and Private lands

SEA COAST ECHO

The Rural Property Rights Association of Mississippi (1) commissioned Mason-Dixon Polling and Strategy, Inc (2) to conduct a state-wide voter survey during mid-December of 2017. A total of 625 Mississippi voters statewide were interviewed by telephone. Voters were asked two questions, one related to the appropriateness of hunting with deer dogs on the National Forests in the state and the other related to the present system of allowing unregulated deer-dog trespass on private land.

Sixty two percent of Mississippi voters said there should be regulatory conse-

quences to the deer-dog owner when their dogs get onto land they aren’t supposed to be on. A majority of both men (54%) and women (69%) said there should be consequences.

On National Forests, 53% of Mississippi voters said that dog-deer hunting should not be allowed at all.

A clear majority of women (58%) thought dog-deer hunting should not be allowed on National Forests in Mississippi. Although not a majority, more men thought dog-deer hunting should not be allowed (48%) than thought it should be allowed (37%). A clear majority of voters under the age of 50 (63%) stated that dog-deer hunting should not

be allowed on National Forests. The lower support for dog-deer hunting on Mississippi’s National Forests among younger voters indicates that over time, voters are likely to be even less supportive of the practice than they are now.

This survey comes on the heels of a survey that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks did of deer hunters following the 2016-17 deer season.3 Only 2.2% of the respondents said they hunt deer with dogs exclusively. Another 4.5% both dog hunt and still hunt deer. The overwhelming majority of deer hunters in the state, 88%, still hunt only.

The present survey indicates

strong voter support for additional regulation of dog-deer hunting in Mississippi.

This fact, combined with the results of the Wildlife Department’s survey, indicates that a hunting method utilized by a small minority of hunters in the state is having an outsized negative impact on the general public and on the rest of the hunting community.

Only nine states currently allow dog-deer hunting on any lands, public or private, and much of the public land in those states are closed to dog-deer hunting. Readers wanting more detail on the survey demographics and regions of the state can visit our website, www.rural-

propertyrights.org.

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2. Mason-Dixon Polling and Strategy Incorporated, Jacksonville, Florida, Washington D.C. https://mason-dixon.com/

3. Available at ruralpropertyrights.org (bottom of home page) or go here: https://rural-propertyrights.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/MDWFP%20-%20202016-2017%20Deer%20Hunter%20Survey%20Results.pdf

Lady Wildcats use big second half to get past Meridian

BY STAN CALDWELL
PRCC SPORTS
INFORMATION

POPLARVILLE – Pearl River Community College came roaring out of the locker room for the second half to take command and cruised to a 62-52 victory over Meridian Thursday night in women’s basketball action at Meridian.

The Lady Wildcats (11-5 overall) are firmly in the race for a berth in the MACJC State Tournament at 4-4 in South Division play, with five wins in their last seven games. PRCC avenged an earlier defeat by the Lady Eagles (11-6, 4-4), who have lost four straight.

“Our girls have really embraced a blue-collar work ethic since we have come back from Christmas break,” said PRCC coach Scotty Fletcher.

“They are really buying into holding each other accountable, and their attention to detail has been

critical for their confidence and ability to win close games.”

It was close through the first half, as the teams were tied 9-9 at the end of the first quarter and 26-26 at halftime.

But Pearl River took over in the third quarter, as sophomore Tyasia Willis (Camden) scored six of her 10 points in the period, which ended with the Lady Wildcats leading 49-34.

Meridian narrowed the margin in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Wildcats were 6 of 8 from the foul line in the final minute to secure the win. For the game, PRCC converted 12 of 15 free throws.

Redshirt sophomore Rah Franklin (New Orleans) had her second consecutive big game for Pearl River, with 18 points. Sophomore Charisma Walker (Brandon) added 13 points, and Willis pulled down 11 rebounds for her third double-double this season and the seventh of

her career.

“Every South Division game is tough, and the kids have been playing extremely hard,” said Fletcher. “I couldn’t be more proud of such a fine group of young women to coach every day.”

The Lady Wildcats will have a two-game

home stand next week, hosting Southwest on Monday and Jones County on Thursday. Both games tip off at 5:30 p.m. and both will be livestreamed on prccmedia.com.

PRCC BASKETBALL SUMMARY WOMEN Thursday at Meridian

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Williams 4.	

MERIDIAN (11-6, 4-4 in South): Regina Sampson 3, Mariah Collins 3, Rokila Wallace 15, Mallory Thompson 6, Brenda Gulley 7, Qiayon Bailey 6, Shannon Tate 13.

Hancock Historical Society Luncheon

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15, at noon at the Kate Lobrano House. in observance of Black History Month, guest speaker will be Nathaniel Fairconnetue, who will speak on his life in Bay St. Louis. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 467-4090. Please call by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 14, to make your reservation in order to help organizers plan seating, which is limited to 48 people; and to apprise them of the number of lunches to order. Lunch is \$12, payable at the door, and will be attired by Almost Home Catering, Michelle Nichols, chef.

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Scenes from the 51st annual Nereids Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2018



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SECOND SATURDAY

LOVE IS IN THE AIR IN OLD TOWN

BY DENISE K. JACOBS

The Old Town Merchants Association (OTMA) and its members invite you to experience the Second Saturday Art Walk on Feb. 10. Also known as Second Saturday, the event has become a regional favorite and regularly draws visitors from New Orleans to Biloxi.

Love is in the air for this month's Second Saturday celebration for Valentine's Day, coming up next week.

Each month during Second Saturday, two OTMA members are featured as Hot Spots, and the Mockingbird Cafe and Strandz Salon are this month's picks. Between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., visitors can stop by the Hot Spots and other shops for refreshments and live music. Bring the kids! Pass a good time.

The Mockinbird Cafe – More than a Just a Coffee Shop

In the beginning, folks congregated at the Mockingbird Cafe, which had sustained flood waters only as high as its porch steps, to discuss insurance claims; who remained, who left, who needed help; and reconstruction plans and regrowth.

The Mockingbird grew out of a need for a place for community healing in the aftermath of Katrina. Now, folks congregate to pick guitars at the song circle, to perform at open mic, to play board games provided by the local library, and to grab a beer and a Mockingburger after the Thursday night club-run.

The Mockingbird is so integrated into the fabric of the community, that it is sometimes hard to tell where it begins and where it ends, especially when collaborating with neighboring Smith & Lens to host art shows, the Mr. Atticus's Night Market, and festivals such as last month's Dolly Should look-alike contest.

The Bird has evolved from a group of people gathered to rebuild the city after Katrina into a lively community hub.

More than just a coffee shop, the Community dubbed "the Bird" as the living room of the Bay. It is a place reminiscent of the house in which Alicein Wonderland Schwabacher, sole proprietor, grew up, a Bay St. Louis home overflowing with colorful out-of-town travelers that taught Alicein that she was a citizen of the world.

While the Mockingbird is more than a coffee shop, it does serve a great cup of coffee. Beans are roasted locally at Coast Roast in Long Beach in a special Mockingbird blend.

"We aren't a cookie-cutter town, so we aren't a cookie-cutter coffee shop," notes Alicein. "If we can source anything nearby,



The Mockingbird Cafe is one of the Second Saturday Hot Spots for February. More than just a coffee shop, the Community dubbed "the Bird" as the living room of the Bay.



Brenda Curet Cuevas, proprietor of Strandz Salon. Brenda began her career as a hair stylist and business owner right out of high school in 1976. She never looked back.



Bay Life Gifts recently moved from its original location on Main Street to its new home inside The Shops of Century Hall at 112 S. Second Street in Bay St. Louis. Bay Life Gifts is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; or by appointment. Call 228-304-0636.

from coffee to art to live music, we do that," she says. "That's important to us."

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Strandz Salon -- The Town Makes the Business

Not one to struggle with what she would do with her life, Brenda (Curet) Cuevas, sole proprietor of Strandz Salon, began her career as a hair stylist and business owner right out of high school in 1976. She never looked back.

Cuevas says that owning a business was never that important, that it just happened. Nevertheless, she admits that it takes business acumen and loyal customers to sustain a business through a hurricane. The proportions of Katrina, a diagnosis of breast cancer, and single parenting, and Cuevas has done just that.

Strandz was originally housed on Highway 90 by the hospital. At that time, Cuevas employed seven stylists. When Katrina hit in 2005, the building flooded. Rather than admit defeat, Cuevas moved her salon into her house. She continued there and operated a full-service salon for ten years before moving to her current location on the corner of deMontluzin and Second Street in the same building as The Ugly Pirate.

"You have to have a town to have a business," Cuevas says, "and this is my town."

"This town helped me maintain a business as a single parent. It helped me through my battle with breast cancer, and I am happy to say that I am a 13-year survivor. My customers support my business, and I appreciate every last one of them."

Cuevas loves working in Old Town, taking walks around town, and meeting new people.

Strandz is a full-service salon featuring Joico and Matrix professional hair care and hair styling products. Cuevas offers haircuts, color, perms, blow dry, flat iron, and relaxers.

On February 10, Second Saturday, Strandz will host an open house between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Stop by for a snack and introduce yourself.

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Upcoming Pass Library Programs: Gardening; Digital Literacy-Computer Housekeeping; and 'Sit! Stay! Read!'

SEA COAST ECHO

The dogs are back to help children with their reading skills and the Pass Christian Library has instructors from Mississippi State Extension teaching a garden class and a digital literacy class. Further details are set out below:

Christian Stephenson, Hancock County Extension agent, will present a program on "Beneficial Insects" on Wednesday, February 14th at 2pm in the conference room of the Pass Christian Public Library. This program will

include information on beneficial insects for home gardens and landscapes including pollinators and natural enemies of insect pests.

Andy Collins with Mississippi State Extension Service will be teaching a digital literacy class at the Pass Christian Public Library on Friday, Feb. 16th at 1:00 pm.

The topic will be "C o m p u t e r H o u s e k e e p i n g". This class will go over the best ways to keep your computer running as efficiently as possible including: how to free

up hard drive space, keep your computer running at top speed, improve battery life, and prevent viruses and malware.

Sit! Stay! Read! returns this Saturday from 10am-noon.

Visiting Pet Teams of South Mississippi sponsor this program to provide a fun way for children to improve their communication and reading skills while visiting with a four-legged friend.

The dog friendly atmosphere provides great motivation for the children to practice their reading.

Reading sessions usually last for 30 minutes. Children are rewarded with bookmarks, stickers, or pencils for participating. The program is absolutely free. Children must not be afraid of or be allergic to animals. There is no need to pre-register.

These events are free and open to the public! The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue in Pass Christian. For more information about any of these events, please call 228-452-4596 or email passchristianlibrary@gmail.com.

Willie Nelson returns to IP's Studio A Feb. 9

SEA COAST ECHO
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egendary musician and multi-talented artist Willie Nelson will take stage at IP CASINO RESORT & SPA's Studio A on Friday, Feb. 9.

Nelson is an American musician, singer, songwriter, author, poet, actor and activist. Some of his best-known work includes "Red Headed Stranger," "Stardust," and "Crazy." As one of the most recognizable artist in country music, he is known for helping create the "outlaw" genre of country music.

Nelson has recorded more than 60 studio albums, as well as appeared on TV and in film multiple times. He has written several books and memoirs. Nelson has won many awards over his six-decade

career, including being honored by the Library of Congress with the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song in 2015.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Doors open one hour prior to the show. Tickets start at \$79 plus tax and convenience fees.

Tickets are available online at www.ipbiloxi.com and www.ticketmaster.com.

Tickets can also be purchased at the IP Box Office or at the Ticketmaster kiosk located on property. Guests may call Ticketmaster at (800) 653-8000. Advanced purchase tickets must be picked up at the Box Office on the day of the show starting at 1 p.m. Guests must be 21 or older to attend the show. No refunds or exchanges will be permitted.

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88th annual Valentine Silver Tea Feb. 9

SEA COAST ECHO

St. Monica Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, MS announces news of their 88th Silver Valentine Tea. The tea will be held on Friday, February 9th from 3 to 5 PM at 1001 East Beach Blvd., in Pass Christian at the home of Lynn Gildersleeve.

This historic residence overlooks the Gulf of Mexico and has been an important historical landmark for over 150 years; it also was featured in the recent TV Movie, "Christmas in Mississippi."

The house was built by architect John Henderson of Henderson Point prior to the Civil War. It was the first train station in Pass Christian, as the railroad used to run down the beach prior to it being moved behind second street. It was used as a camp ground for Civil War Soldiers and was a working farm with full stables and chickens. It has been shown and enjoyed by many on several tours of historic Pass Christian homes. The home was severely damaged



THE 88TH ANNUAL VALENTINE SILVER TEA IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 9, FROM 3-5 P.M. AT 1001 EAST BEACH BLVD. IN PASS CHRISTIAN AT THE HOME OF LYNN GILDERSLEEVE.

from Katrina but has been restored. Most of the historic information and books were lost to the storm as well as family pictures, and memories but one historic sketch of the house remained thus helping with restoration. Of note, the cottage/servant's quarters were untouched, as was the stable/garage. The Gildersleeve's purchased the home right after Camille from the Munstead family and it became their summer home to the present.

The Silver Tea is a fundraiser given to support the many ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church: The Boys and Girls Club, Christian Concern Ministries and the PC Food Bank, Gone Fishing ministries, Mercy Flight Southeast- who provides free air transportation to those who needing medical treatment in out of state hospitals and facilities, Wilmer Hall Children's home and Missionary work in Chile. There is no charge to attend the tea, however donations are

requested and appreciated. All monies collected will be given to charity. Entrance to Tea parking is available on East Beach Blvd. in front of the residence as well as behind the house from the entrance on Second Street where a sign will identify parking. Courtesy shuttle carts will be available to transport visitors to the residence from the parking areas.

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Our Lady Academy celebrates Catholic Schools Week

SEA COAST ECHO
Since 1974, National Catholic School Week has been designated as the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Our Lady Academy (OLA) observed the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, faculty, families, volunteers and community members. OLA celebrated Catholic School Week beginning Sunday, January 28, 2018, with the “Celebration in Our Parish” event. Church parishes devoted a special mass to Catholic education. OLA school week started Monday with the celebration of

the community. The student body was represented by their respective sisterhood. Each sisterhood is made up of representatives from every class and chose a service project to benefit the community that reflected their specific identity. Hospitality, Diversity and Justice Sisterhoods carried gifts to local businesses and shops, churches of other denominations and the Hancock County Courthouse. The Stewardship Sisterhood weeded gardens and cleaned up areas around the campus and community. Adams Lorraine Flower Shop and Beth Cranford Floral Designs donated 200 white carnations to be placed by the Integrity & Compassion Sisterhood on the graves at the Sacred Heart Brothers Cemetery. Respect & Dignity Sisterhood

addressed Holy Trinity Catholic School 5th & 6th graders on the importance of treating others as they would want to be treated and explained to the children that stereotyping and bullying are cruel and hurtful to others. That evening, OLA hosted an open house for interested new students. Over 45 students and their parents attended and were entertained by representatives from every OLA organization, honor society, and athletic club. The event afforded the opportunity for parents and new students to meet teachers, tour classrooms and learn about academic programs, religious education, and service opportunities as well as sports and organizations. Tuesday was dedicated to the OLA Students in appreciation of their achievements and contribu-

tions to the school and community. Students were given the option to wear their favorite college shirt or an OLA t-shirt with jeans and gathered in the OLA gym for a picnic lunch and movie. Faculty and staff treated the girls to popcorn and a hot cocoa bar. On Wednesday, Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III celebrated mass with students from St. Stanislaus, Holy Trinity and Our Lady Academy. Afterwards, Bishop Kihneman graced OLA students with his presence during lunch. Students also paid tribute to veterans by posting pictures of family members who served our country. Celebrating Vocations was Thursday’s theme. Students were encouraged to wear attire that reflects the career they plan

to pursue in the future and wrote essays about those careers. OLA parents showed their appreciation by preparing and serving lunch to the teachers and faculty. Catholic School Week ended Friday with the celebration of volunteers during a catered luncheon. In addition, seniors had the opportunity to impersonate teachers by executing their lesson plans and fulfilling the daily duties as a teacher. Other seniors performed administrative duties and acted as the principal for the day. It is through these events, OLA and other Catholic schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.



OLA and Holy Trinity Catholic School students discussing stereotyping and bullyin.



Senior Hannah Gest as Acting Principal Mrs. Pigott.



Bishop Louis F. Kihneman visiting with OLA students.



Bishop Louis F. Kihneman praying over a student who recently underwent surgery.



Students weeded gardens around the community.



Students placed white carnations at the Brothers of Sacred Heart Cemetery



Students presented gifts to Justice Court Judge Trent Favre and Circuit Court Clerk, Karen Ruhr.

HTCS celebrates 100th Day of School



Pre-K at Holy Trinity Catholic School celebrated the 100th Day of School dressed as 100 year old people. The day included a 100th Day poem, 100 exercises, creating a 100th Day snack, along with many more 100th day activities.



DeLisle Elementary School Competes in NAPT Bus Safety Poster Contest



Students in Donette Beasley's art class at DeLisle Elementary School participated in the National Bus Safety Art Contest by creating art work that depicts school bus safety-related themes. All entries were required to harmonize with this year's theme, My Driver – My Safety Hero! Winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation for everyone. The following students received certificates of participation for creating original artwork to submit to the NAPT poster contest: Jaedyn Pinkerton, Carter Ladner, Brennan Davis, and Ande Grace Montiforte. Ande's outstanding artwork was selected for judging at the state-level competition. The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest is sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, and the National School Transportation Association.

Hancock County Democrats attend Hamer-Winter Dinner

SEA COAST ECHO
Hancock County Democrats traveled to Brandon MS last weekend to participate in the Mississippi Democratic Party's largest event of the year. Over 700 Democrats gathered for the Hamer-Winter Dinner. The event honors the dedication and hard work of two Mississippi Democratic Party legends and icons, Fannie Lou Hamer and Governor William Winter. The Welcome was given by Attorney General Jim Hood. Our own David Baria, State Representative House District 122 and



Bennie Thompson
Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, kicked off the Presentation of the Awards after the dinner. Following Congressman Bennie



David Baria



Doug Jones

Thompson's warm welcome, attendees were treated to the thoughtful and inspiring words of the featured speaker of the evening – the recently-elected Alabama Senator

Doug Jones. The advice he gave to any/all who would seek office – (1) be true to yourself; and (2) stick to the issues that the people care about.

Adopt-A-Stream Workshop

SEA COAST ECHO
The Mississippi Wildlife Federation along with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will hold a 2-day Adopt-A-Stream workshop at Flint Creek Water Park near Wiggins, MS on June 12 - 13, 2018, with an optional 2 day on June 14th. Adopt-A-Stream is a program that promotes environmental stewardship through training workshops, outdoor field activities and by introducing participants to watershed action projects. The two-day program

provides an in-depth study of watersheds, as well as hands-on training in chemical and biological parameters important to a healthy stream. In addition, the workshop will:
Ø Increase awareness of nonpoint source pollution
Ø Introduce surveying and mapping of your watershed
Ø Increase watershed protection awareness and possible actions that can be taken to help your watershed. A new model of - It Begins at Home. With ideas about projects such as:
Storm Drain Marking

Stream Clean-ups
Recycling
Advocacy and More
The 2 day added this year will concentrate on Black Creek a Wild and Scenic river. A 2 day float trip has been planned to introduce participants to the streams flora and fauna and to also do a watershed action project by doing a clean-up while we float the stream.
Who Should Participate?
Educators, land managers, advocacy groups, Scout troop leaders, Envirothon Team Advisors, watershed team leaders, environmental

educators, concerned citizens and others. For teachers, 2 CEU credits are available for the 2 day and 2.4 for the 2 1/2 day.
Registration Information
Registration will be available on the Mississippi Wildlife Federation/Adopt-A-Stream website; www.mswildlife.org/AAS/ or by contacting Debra Veeder, Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator at (601)605-1790 or dveeder@mswf.org for a registration form.

Weather patterns impact pond levels

BY DR. WES NEAL
BY DR. J. WESLEY NEAL
MSU EXTENSION SERVICE

STARKVILLE, Miss. -- Terms like climate change or global warming may elicit different responses depending on your political viewpoints, but one thing is certain: Our weather is changing. Storms and flooding seem more frequent and violent, droughts seem more intense, fires seem more out of control, and sea levels are encroaching our coastal cities. Regardless of the causes or solutions, this is the new reality. These factors will certainly affect Mississippi's estimated 160,000 ponds. Unlike most of the United States, Mississippi did not become hotter during the last century, but its rainfall has changed considerably. Annual rainfall has increased overall, but it usually comes in heavier downpours than in the past. This means most of the water runs off

into streams instead of percolating into the ground. The result is that our soils have become drier. Lower soil moisture means less subsurface water flow and falling pond water levels. Sure, the heavy downpours can occasionally fill ponds, but during the dry summer months, ponds lose water more rapidly. You have probably noticed less water in your area's ponds during recent summers. Many people see dropping water levels in August and think immediately that their pond is leaking. While this is certainly possible, the pond may simply be suffering from high evaporation losses and limited water resupply. In the heat of summer, it is common to lose up to 1 inch of water per day to evaporation. As summer get longer each year, these losses can really add up. There are ways to combat water losses to evaporation. One possible solution is to increase the size of the pond's watershed. While this is not possible for all

ponds, some are built in a way that a small amount of dirt work can redirect more surface flow into the pond. This is especially true for ponds in and around agriculture. However, increasing the watershed could increase water during rainy periods, but water levels could still drop during droughts. Alternatively, pond water can be supplemented with well water. This is easiest and least expensive for ponds near structures that already have accessible well water. Otherwise, a well would need to be installed -- at significant cost. Well water typically has no oxygen and may have dissolved materials that can be toxic to fish, so it needs to be aerated by spraying or cascading before it enters the pond. Aeration will oxidize metals like iron, which will then sink harmlessly to the bottom. Avoid adding too much water at once, as it could turn the pond over and kill fish. It is probably best to maintain the pond's full



Photo by MSU Extension Service/Wes Neal
Evaporation can lower pond water level several feet during the summer, exposing habitat and concentrating fish.

water level, as opposed to filling a partially drained pond. These two options are expensive and not appropriate for all ponds or budgets. Therefore,

some pond owners may be able to reduce the effects of a changing climate, but most of us will probably just have to deal with it.

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716 OLD SPANISH TRAIL, Waveland, Fri. 2/3; Fri. 2/10; Fri. 2/17; Fri. 2/24, 8:00-1:00. Lots of great items.

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158 Commercial Property

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997 Public Notices

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2007, executed by CANDIS E. TIDWELL, CHRISTOPHER TIDWELL, conveying certain real property therein described to NANCY J. SCHRIEDEL, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR AAA WORLDWIDE FINANCIAL COMPANY DBA WORLDWIDE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded December 19, 2007, in Deed Book 2007, Page 54673; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to WVMF Funding, LLC; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on February 28, 2018 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit: LOTS 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 AND 38, INCLUSIVE BLOCK 116, TOWN OF EAST ANSLEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 4170 39TH ST, BAY SAINT LOUIS, MS 39520. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Rubin Lublin, LLC, Substitute Trustee
428 North Lamar Blvd., Suite 107
Oxford, MS 38655
www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php
Tel: (877) 813-0392 Fax: (404) 601-5846
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF GEOLOGY
Mining and Reclamation Division
P.O. Box 2279
Jackson, MS 39225
(601) 961-5527

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice No. 1846 January 23, 2018
Attention: COUNSEL FOR EXPLORATION
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
The Office of Geology has received an Application for a Surface Mining Permit pursuant to Sections 53-7-27 and 53-7-29 of the Mississippi Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977, as described below:
APPLICANT: **Larry Frierson, Frierson Mine** 14 Clarence Frierson Road
Pine Bluff, AR 71601
LOCATION: Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 17 West, Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, and Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County (Lat. N30°26'40.21", Long. W89°38'46.2")
DESCRIPTION: Operator proposes to open pit mine 15 acres to a depth of 25 feet for borrow material. Erosion will be controlled by diversion berms and within the excavated area. Reclamation will consist of 3 to 1 grassed slopes and a lake.
This public notice is being distributed to interested persons and agencies to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Office of Geology can be based. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter. All agencies and persons shall have until February 7, 2018, to submit comments, recommendations, or evaluations to the Office of Geology. Comments by an agency shall include an enumeration of permits or licenses required under the agency's jurisdiction.
If further information is needed, an agency may be furnished a copy of the notice of intent or permit application. Any person may inspect the permit application on the MDEQ website at <http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/geology-public-notice.aspx> or at the Office of Geology, 700 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202. In the event comments are not received by February 7, 2018, the Office of Geology will consider that the agency has no comments, recommendations and/or evaluations that the agency deems necessary and proper based upon the effect of the proposed operation on matters within the agency's jurisdiction.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DWANE D. HUDERSON, DECEASED
BRANDY HUDERSON PETITIONER
NO. 17-CV-683-CB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ON THE ESTATE OF DWANE D. HUDERSON, DECEASED, WERE GRANTED TO THE UNDERSIGNED BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT AND TO HAVE THEM PROBATED AND ALLOWED WITHIN NINETY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BAR THE CLAIM.
THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.
/s/ KATHY BROWN van ZUTPHEN
KATHY BROWN van ZUTPHEN, AL-MS COASTAL LAW, LLC (MS BAR NO. 99375)
428 COURTHOUSE ROAD, STE A GULFPORT, MS 39507
228-357-5227
FAX 888-486-3446
kbvz@al-mscoastallaw.com
FILED: JANUARY 29, 2018
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN deBEN, DECEASED
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:18-cv-0017-SS

By: Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
DATED: 1/22/2018
By: R. Johnson Deputy Court Clerk

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 11th day of September, 2015, Blas M. Abar, (the "Borrower") executed that certain Deed of Trust in favor of P. Ann Bailey, Trustee, for the benefit of Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation, now known as Renaissance Community Loan Fund, Inc., Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2015 at Page 18642 (the "Deed of Trust"); and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions set forth by said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property therein described in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, P. Ann Bailey, Trustee of said Deed of Trust will on the 15th day of February, 2018 offer for sale at public outcry, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to wit: Lot Twenty-Two (22), Square One Hundred Eighteen (118), BAYSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT One (1), according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.
WITNESS my signature this the 24th day of January, 2018.
/s/ P. Ann Bailey
P. Ann Bailey, Trustee

P. Ann Bailey, Esq.
Balch & Bingham, LLP
1310 Twenty-Fifth Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 864-9900
01/24; 01/31; 02/07; 02/14/18

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
SAVADOR ALFONSO; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SALVADOR ALFONSO; BARBARA ALFONSO; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BARBARA ALFONSO; HANCOCK BANK; DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, F/K/A BANKERS TRUST COMPANY; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF S.M. MAYER; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; JOEL SMITH, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; JIM HOOD IN HIS CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE WITHIN DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH WAS SOLD FOR HANCOCK COUNTY TAXES ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 VIZ: BLK 17 & 18 ST. CHARLES SUBD PARCEL NO. 149N-0-30-198.000 DIST 1050 CITY 1 SCHOOL 1
DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CAUSE NO. 18-cv-53-SS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: SALVADOR ALFONSO; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SALVADOR ALFONSO; BARBARA ALFONSO; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BARBARA ALFONSO; HANCOCK BANK; DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, F/K/A BANKERS TRUST COMPANY; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF S.M. MAYER; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; JOEL SMITH, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; JIM HOOD IN HIS CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE WITHIN DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH WAS SOLD FOR HANCOCK COUNTY TAXES ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 VIZ: BLK 17 & 18 ST. CHARLES SUBD PARCEL NO. 149N-0-30-198.000 DIST 1050 CITY 1 SCHOOL 1
NOTICE
This is a suit by AIMEE KEARNS, to quiet and confirm title in themselves to that certain property legally described as: Lots 17 and 18 Block 1, St. Charles Subdivision, as per map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
The above being acquired by, AIMEE KEARNS, obtained her interest in the subject property by virtue of a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance dated November 3, 2017, and recorded on November 6, 2017 in Instrument 2017-13450 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 133 Davis Avenue, Ste. A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (SEAL)

Matthew Mestayer, Esquire
Reeves & Mestayer, PLLC
160 Main Street
Biloxi, MS 39530
228-374-5151
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DATED: 1/22/2018
By: R. Johnson Deputy Court Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
SUMMONS
LIFE FUNDING OPTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN BROGDON, Defendant

CASE NO. 2017-CP-23-01687
TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Greenville, South Carolina
c/ Sandy M. Kern- Fuller
Plaintiff/Attorney for Plaintiff
Address:
UPSTATE LAW GROUP, LLC
200 East Main Street
Easley, South Carolina 29640
(864) 855-3114
(864) 855-3446 (Facsimile)
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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on December 22, 2012, Daniel R. Hoda and spouse, Danielle Marie Hoda, executed a deed of trust to Rosen Harwood, P.A. Trustee for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Beneficiary, which deed of trust is recorded on January 4, 2013, in Book 2013 at Page 408, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale.
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Rosen Harwood, P.A., will, on the 1st day of March, 2018, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door, in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Commencing at an iron pipe at the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T-6-S, R-14-W, Hancock County, Mississippi, and the S1/4 of Section 12, T-6-S, R-14-W, Hancock County, Mississippi, to the S1/4 of Section 12, T-6-S, R-14-W, Hancock County, Mississippi, for the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence run N60°36'20"E 295.16 feet to an iron pin; thence run S29°23'40"E 295.16 feet to an iron pin; thence run S60°36'20"W 295.16 feet to an iron pin; thence run N29°23'40"W 295.16 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING. AND ALSO a 20 foot easement for ingress and egress described as follows: From the above POINT OF BEGINNING run S89°02'00"E 36.35 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence run N20°30'00"W 430.00 feet; thence run N58°30'00"W 234.88 feet back to the centerline of Wolf Creek Road; thence run N30°23'33"E 23.16 feet along said centerline; thence run S58°30'00"E 237.96 feet; thence run S20°30'00"E 450.00 feet; thence run S89°02'00"E 190.15 feet; thence run S29°23'40"E 66.91 feet; thence run S60°36'20"W 20.00 feet; thence run N29°23'40"W 55.44 feet; thence run N89°02'00"W 192.17 feet; thence run N20°30'00"W 21.49 feet, back, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Being located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T-6-S, R-14-W of the Hancock County, Mississippi. ALSO, Section (1) 201 Cavalier manufactured home, Serial No. C8C042406ALABAC. Said property shall be sold as is, where is. We will convey only such title as is vested in Rosen Harwood, P.A., as Trustee. The full purchase price must be paid in cash or by certified funds at the time of sale. WITNESS our signature this the 2nd day of February, 2018.
/s/ Rosen Harwood, P.A. Trustee
By: Lori C. Bate (MS Bar No. 104145)
ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRSHIP OF CHEYENNE HYER
RYAN HYER PETITIONER
NO. 23CH1:17-cv-614S
SUMMONS FOR UNKNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW
TO: KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CHEYENNE HYER, DECEASED, and to any and all other persons or parties who are interested in her estate, including but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law, who are unknown, of Cheyenne Hyer, Deceased, who are adults, if they be living and are non-residents of the State of Mississippi, or not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown heirs-at-law, devisees, executors, administrators, or legal representatives, all non-residents of the State of Mississippi, or not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post office, street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same.
You have been made Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Ryan Hyer on behalf of the Wrongful Death Heirship of Cheyenne Hyer of the Estate of Cheyenne Hyer, Deceased. The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil action seeking to have, RYAN HYER, adjudicated and decreed by this Court to be the sole and only heirs-at-law of Cheyenne Hyer, Deceased, as fully set out in the Petition on file.
YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 A.M. ON THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2018, IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, LOCATED AT 1801 23RD AVENUE, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI; AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND Seal of said Court, this the 5th day of January, 2018.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: D.L. Lee, D.C.
Matthew Mestayer, Esquire
Reeves & Mestayer, PLLC
160 Main Street
Biloxi, MS 39530
228-374-5151
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN deBEN, DECEASED
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:18-cv-0017-SS
TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF BARBARA JEAN deBEN, DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by WENDY J. deBEN, Administratrix of the Estate of BARBARA JEAN deBEN, deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of BARBARA JEAN deBEN, deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are: Frederick J. deBen, Jr., Theresa deBen Lacy, Pamela E. Plauche and Kimberly deBen Martin, who along with WENDY J. deBEN are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 p.m. on March 15, 2018, in the Chancery Courtroom at the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you so desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 24th day of January, 2018.
(SEAL)

Timothy Kellar, Chancery Clerk
By: Cassie Trible Deputy Clerk
152 Main Street, Ste. A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-5406

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN deBEN, DECEASED
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:18-cv-0017-SS

By: Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
DATED: 1/22/2018
By: R. Johnson Deputy Court Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
SUMMONS
LIFE FUNDING OPTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN BROGDON, Defendant

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JOHNNY LEE and PEGGY LEE
PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
CLYDELL W. LADNER; CLYDE WOOD;
ROGER DALE WOOD; ARTHUR LEO
WOOD, JR.; AND ANY AND ALL OTHER
PERSONS
DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1-18-cv-068-JS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: a) CLYDELL W. LADNER, if alive, who
is believed to be a resident of this state,
whose present street address is believed to
be known after diligent search and inquiry; or
if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees
of said defendant; b) CLYDE WOOD, if alive,
who is believed to be a non-resident of this
state, whose present street and post office
addresses are unknown after diligent search
and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-
law or devisees of said defendant; c) ROGER
DALE WOOD, if alive, who is believed to be
a non-resident of this state, whose present
street and post office addresses are unknown
after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead,
the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said
defendant; d) ROGER DALE WOOD, if alive,
who is believed to be a non-resident of this
state, whose present street and post office
addresses are unknown after diligent search
and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-
law or devisees of said defendant; e) ARTHUR
LEO WOOD, JR., if alive, who is believed to
be a non-resident of this state, whose present
street address is believed to be known after
diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the
unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said
defendant; and f) ANY AND ALL OTHER
PERSONS having and/or claiming
any legal and/or equitable interest in and to
the following real property located in Hancock
County, Mississippi:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of
the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the
Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 6
South, Range 15 West, thence run North 3.17
chains; thence West 3.42 chains to the east
margin of a road; thence run South 3.17
chains; thence West along the ear margin of said
road 3.20 chains; thence East 3.52 chains to
the PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing
1.09 acres, more or less, and being a part
of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of
Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 15
West, Hancock County, Mississippi.
Being further identified as PARCEL NO. 044-
0-19-005-000.

You have been made a Defendant in the
sue filed in this Court by JOHNNY LEE and
PEGGY LEE, asserting legal ownership of the
above described property and seeking to
confirm Plaintiff's title thereto.
You are required to mail or hand deliver
a written response to the Complaint filed
against you in this action to Preston J.
Maufray, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing
address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis,
Mississippi 39521, and whose street address
is 519 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Missis-
sippi 39521.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR
DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY
(30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS.
IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED
OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST
YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF
DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your
Response with the Clerk of this Court within
a reasonable time afterward.
ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said
Court, this 29th day of January, 2018.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court
By: /s/ Cassie Tribble Deputy Clerk
Preston J. Maufray (MSB #101131)
A.O. Box 4272, PLLC
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
Telephone: (228) 216-6124
Facsimile: (866) 216-6124
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HAZEL HURLEY WEBSTER, DECEASED
CHERYL WEBSTER THOMPSON
PETITIONER
NO. 17-CV-684-JP
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ON THE
ESTATE OF HAZEL HURLEY WEBSTER,
DECEASED, WERE GRANTED TO THE UN-
DERDESIGNED BY THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON
THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017, AND
ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST
SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO
PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS TO THE CLERK
OF SAID COURT AND TO HAVE THEM
PROBATED AND ALLOWED WITHIN NINE-
TY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST
PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, FAILURE
TO DO SO WILL BAR THE CLAIM.

THIS THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.
/s/ KATHY BROWN van ZUTPHEN
KATHY BROWN van ZUTPHEN,
COUNSEL FOR EXECUTRIX
KATHY BROWN van ZUTPHEN
AL-MS COASTAL LAW, LLC
(MS BAR NO. 9337)
428 COURTHOUSE ROAD, STE A
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FILED: JANUARY 29, 2018
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, HANCOCK COUNTY
CHANCERY CLERK
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997 Public Notices

Request for Proposals
Non-Exclusive Lease for Access to
Hancock County for the Kiln Shelter

Hancock County is requesting proposals from
persons or entities for the non-exclusive
lease of Hancock County Kiln Shelter for use
as a lease or rental for proposed periods of
time (e.g., certain days of the week or
month). The County asks that interested per-
sons or entities submit: 1) a dollar
amount bid the use of the Kiln Shelter, with
the proposed days and times of use; 2) any
other proposed rental terms and conditions;
3) Manners in which their proposal will benefit
Hancock County; and 4) Any other informa-
tion pertinent to their proposal such as would
demonstrate that their bid will best promote,
serve and protect the public interest.

Hancock County reserves the right to negoti-
ate the bid amount and terms with the person
or entity submitting the bid the Hancock
County determines will best promote, serve
and protect that public interest. Hancock
County reserves the right to reject any or all
proposals, in whole or part, to modify the pro-
posed dates of use, and to waive any irregu-
larities or formalities in proposal process. By
submitting a proposal, the proposing entities
or persons waive any right to seek damages
related to their proposal, and acknowledge the
County's right to reject any or all propos-
als, or portions thereof. All proposals should
be sealed and properly labeled "Proposal for
Non-Exclusive Lease of Kiln Shelter." All per-
sons and entities submitting proposals ac-
knowledge and understand that any use of
the Shelter will be subject to any require-
ments of Hancock County for use of the
premises as required by the grant, that Han-
cock County may at any time after the use of
the premises as needed within the discretion
of Hancock County, including stopping the
use, and also the shelter may not be used at
any time of a disaster or emergency as de-
clared or stated by Hancock County.

Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to
Mr. Eddie Favre, County Administrator no
later than 10:00 AM on Monday, February
20th, 2018. RFP's may be mailed or hand-
delivered to: Attention: Office of the Hancock
County Administrator, 854 Highway 90, Bay
Saint Louis, MS 39520. Proposals may also
be emailed to eddie.favre@hancock.ms.us.
Any mailed, emailed or hand-delivered pro-
posal must actually be received by the County
Administrator prior to the February 20th,
10:00 AM deadline. Proposals will be opened
at 10:00 AM on February 20, 2018 in the Coun-
ty Boardroom. The name and mailing address
of the entity or individual submitting the pro-
posal should appear on the face of the enve-
lope. Please submit any questions you have
concerning this matter via U.S. Mail, postage
prepaid to the Office of the County Adminis-
trator at 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis,
Mississippi 39520 or to eddie.favre@co.han-
cock.ms.us.

By: Blaine Lafontaine, Board President
1/24; 1/31; 2/7/18

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NOBLE BUILDERS, INC. PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
WILLIE B. MCLEOD, IF LIVING, AND ANY
AND ALL OF HIS HEIRS, KNOWN AND UN-
KNOWN, IF DECEASED, AND ALL
SHAREHOLDERS OF WILBEC PROPER-
TIES, LLC; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSIS-
SIPPI; JIM HOOD IN HIS CAPACITY AS AT-
TORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI; JOEL SMITH, IN HIS CAPACI-
TY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HAN-
COCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ANY
AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES HAVING
OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN AND TO
THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, PARCEL
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 067M-1-35-
161-000
DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1-18-cv-023-JP
TO: Willie B. McLeod, if living, and if de-
ceased, any and all of her heirs, known and
unknown; and any and all shareholders of
Wilbec Properties, LLC; and any and all per-
sons having or claiming any interest in the
following described land, Parcel Identification
Number: 067M-1-35-161-000;
Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, Unit 6, Diamondhead,
Phase 2, Hancock County, Mississippi
You have been made Defendants in the law-
suit filed in this Court by Noble Builders, Inc.
The Complaint filed against you has initiated
a civil action seeking to confirm Plaintiff's title
to the subject property against all persons or
entities claiming to hold the land by title and
vesting in Plaintiff a good and sufficient title in
said land.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a
written response to the Complaint filed
against you in this action to Katy E. Fulghum,
Attorney at Law, 906 Convent Avenue, Pas-
cagoula, Mississippi 39567, within thirty days
of the first date of publication which is Janu-
ary 24, 2018. If your response is not so
mailed or delivered, a Judgment by Default
will be entered against you for the relief de-
manded in the Complaint.
You must also file the original of your re-
sponse with the Clerk of this Court within a
reasonable time thereafter.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said
Court, this 10th day of January, 2018.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, HANCOCK COUNTY
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: /s/ R. Johnson D.C.

Katy E. Fulghum
Fulghum Law Firm, PLLC
906 Convent Avenue
Pascagoula, MS 39567
Phone: 228-762-5110
01/24; 01/31; 02/07/18

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of May, 2015,
Kenneth L. Robles Jr., an unmarried man
and Erica N. Theriot, an unmarried woman,
executed and delivered a certain Deed of
Trust unto Schwartz, Orgler and Jordan
PLLC, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Regis-
tration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GMFS,
LLC, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness
therein described, which Deed of Trust is
recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk
of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of
Trust Book 2015 at Page 8289; and
WHEREAS, on the 28th day of December,
2016, Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-
tems, Inc. as nominee for GMFS, LLC,
assigned said Deed of Trust unto GMFS LLC,
by instrument recorded in the office of the
aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust
Book 2017 at Page 450; and
WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of February,
2017 the Holder of said Deed of Trust sub-
stituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courteau
as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded
in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk
in Deed of Trust Book 2017 at Page 2339; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the
payments of the indebtedness secured by the
said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said
Deed of Trust, having requested the under-
signed to do so, on the 14th day of February,
2018, I will during the lawful hours of between
11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry,
offer for sale and will sell, at the north front
door of the Hancock County courthouse
located at 152 Main Street at Bay St. Louis,
Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the
following described land and property situat-
ed in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot Seven (7), East Pointe Estates Subdivi-
sion, a subdivision according to the official
map or plat thereof on file and of record
in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of
Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book B
at Page 212 thereof, reference to which
is hereby made in aid of and as a part of
this description.

I will only convey such title as is vested in
me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 29th day
of December, 2017.

Emily Kaye Courteau
Substitute Trustee

Morris & Associates
855 S. Pear Orchard Rd.
Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
mdw/F17-0048
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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of May, 2004,
Shane P. Nixon aka Shane Nixon and
Violet B. Nixon aka Violet Nixon, executed
and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto
Southern Title Company Inc., Trustee
for Wilmington Finance, a division of AIG
Federal Savings Bank, Beneficiary, to secure
an indebtedness therein described, which
Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Missis-
sippi in Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on
Land Record Book 636 at Page 433; and
WHEREAS, by various assignments on
record said Deed of Trust was ultimately
assigned to PennyMac Holdings, LLC by
instrument recorded in the office of the
aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust
Book 2016 at Page 1595; and
WHEREAS, on the 4th day of August, 2017
the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted
and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substi-
tute Trustee by instrument recorded in the
office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in
Deed of Trust Book 2017 at Page 1718; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the
payments of the indebtedness secured by the
said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said
Deed of Trust, having requested the under-
signed to do so, on the 28th day of February,
2018, I will during the lawful hours of between
11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry,
offer for sale and will sell, at the north front
door of the Hancock County courthouse
located at 152 Main Street at Bay St. Louis,
Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder,
the following described land and property situat-
ed in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 9 of Ridgewood Subdivision, according
to the official plat of said subdivision on file
in Plat Book 8, Page 49, in the Office of the
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Missis-
sippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in
me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 29th day
of January, 2018.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S. Pear Orchard Rd.
Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020
and F15-0272
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THE KREWE OF KIDS

Scenes from the 39th annual Kids Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2018



Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre on Saturday declares “Krewe of Kids Day” in the city and toasts 2018 King Cayson Miller, age 6. The first “Krewe of Kids” parade was held on Lundi Gras 1979. It was founded by Jake and Evelyn Cox Jacob and the Cox children.

Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher



The mayor toasts Mathilde Michele, age 5.



Krewe organizer Lisa Cowand.

